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**COMBINED AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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In response to the restriction requirement dated May 5, 2003, Applicants hereby elect with traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-6 drawn to a polynucleotide encoding SEQ ID NO: 2, a vector, a host cell, and the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 2.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claim 13.

Please see the attached Amendments to the Claims.

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